

DRAFT COAST GUARD ALDIST

The purpose of this ALDIST is to provide specific information concerning points of contact for ships registered in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. International conventions to which the U.S. is party require the notification of flag states when a port state exercises certain control actions permitted by international convention. While there are a variety of specific requirements concerning notification, most indicate that the port state should notify the flag state, "forthwith." Blacks Legal Dictionary defines forthwith as, "immediately without delay."

Notification of a flag state is a treaty obligation and permits the flag state to take appropriate action depending on the specific circumstances.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands registry is operated by International Registries, Inc. (IRI) in Reston, Virginia. IRI provides 24/7 duty officers as points of contact.

Telephonic contact should be made in the following manner:

- During regular business hours: +1-703-620-4880. Press "0" and ask to be transferred to the duty officer.
- After hours: +1-703-476-3762

Written follow up by fax or letter should be sent to:

- Fax: +1-703-860-2284
- Mailing Address: 11495 Commerce Park Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191 USA
- E-mails may be sent to: dutyofficer@register-iri.com